

# Slathia, Mankotia, Media delegation from Hyderabad meet LG



10-member media delegation from Hyderabad, MLAs Surjit Singh Slathia and Balwant Singh Mankotia meeting with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

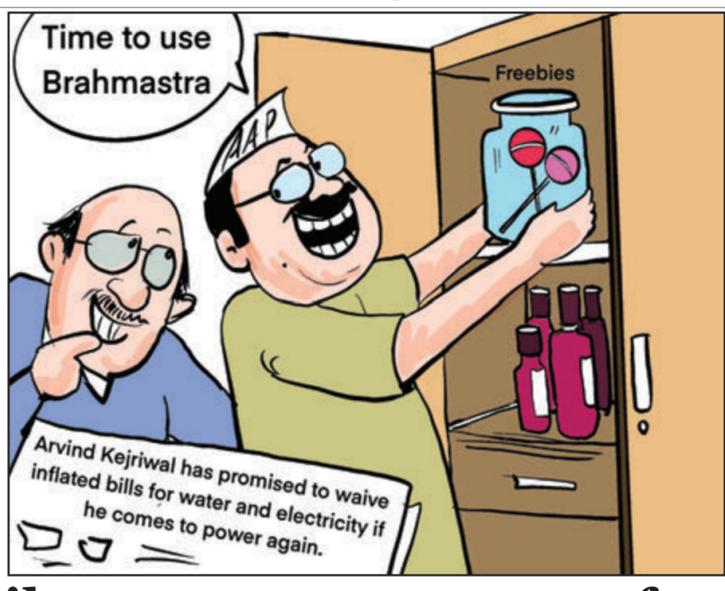
**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Surjit Singh Slathia, Member of Legislative Assembly from Chenani also met the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Monday.

Balwant Singh Mankotia, Member of Legislative Assembly from Chenani also met the Lieutenant Governor. Earlier, a 10-member media delegation from

Hyderabad, led by Qazi Salman, Joint Director, Press Information Bureau Srinagar, called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan.

The members of the media fraternity from Hyderabad who are on their visit to the Union Territory of J&K as part of the Media Outreach Programme organized by PIB will be engaging in various

field visits and discussions over the next few days, gaining first-hand insights into the developmental projects and initiatives shaping the future of Jammu Kashmir.



## CB Jammu presents Chargesheet in Rs 5 lakh cheating case

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a cheating and impersonation case, Special Crime Wing of Crime Branch Jammu filed a charge sheet on Monday against accused named Mohd Imran Khan, son of Mohd Azad Khan, resident of Nar Tehsil Mendhar, District Poonch. Sandeep Mehta, SSP Special Crime wing, CB Jammu divulging the details told that charge sheet was filed against the fraudster in a Case FIR No. 11 of 2022 under Section 419, 420 IPC of Police Station SCW Crime Branch Jammu before the Court of law at Jammu. He further added that fraudster duped complainant namely Inderjit Singh Raju, son of Shakti Singh Raju, resident of H. No. 66, Ward No. 1, Tehsil and District Ramban by impersonating himself as JE in ERA J&K and duped the complainant of Rs. 5 lakh on pretext of providing job in ERA J&K.

The accused has cheated the complainant with dishonest and fraudulent means and duped his hard-earned money through various bank accounts of the accused, Sandeep Mehta said adding that after receiving the money, the accused started avoiding the complainant on one pretext or other. Finally, the complainant fed up with the dilly dally approach of the accused, approached the Crime Branch Jammu with a complaint. On receipt of this complaint, Sandeep Mehta said, a preliminary verification was initiated by Crime Branch Jammu. "During the course of enquiry the allegations levelled were prima-facie substantiated against the accused leading to the registration of a formal case against the accused under the relevant sections of law," he added. After a thorough investigation

by the I.O Inspr Ashok Bazaz, the case was finally proved against the accused person. The sleuths of Special Crime wing Jammu led by Inspr. Ashok Bazaz acting on a specific information succeeded in arresting the accused named Mohd Imran Khan S/O Azad Khan R/O Nar Tehsil Mendhar District Poonch, who was absconding and was not cooperating, from Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu. A team of Special Crime Wing of Crime Branch today produced the accused before the court and accordingly charge sheet has been produced against the accused before the Court of 13 FC Jammu for judicial determination. The SSP, SCW Jammu has cautioned the general public not to fall prey to the fraudsters who are hell bent to usurp the hard earned money of the commoners by their deceitful acts.

## ACB organises vigilance awareness event for H&ME Dept functionaries, NGOs

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), in collaboration with Department of Health and Medical Education and registered NGOs/Societies, organized two programs as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week, 2024. The programme for the Department of Health and Medical Education was organized at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri which was attended by participants virtually from Jammu, Poonch, Ramban, Udhampur and Budgam. Another awareness programme was organized at Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu which was attended by participants from Rajouri and Udhampur. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma was chief Guest at the event held at BGSBU, while Randeep Kumar, SSP



DC Rajouri Abhishek Sharma, Randeep Kumar, SSP Rajouri and ACB officials at a programme.

Rajouri, A.S. Bhatia, Principal GMC Rajouri, Anjum Sahab, Dean BGSBU were the special guests. Sanjay Sharma, DVO Health was the Speaker and Dr.ADS Manhas was the Guest Speaker. CMO, BMOs and the Para medical staff of the medical department were present on the occasion. About 500 participants were present at all the locations. DIG ACB J&K Vikas Gupta and Rakesh Mangotra

Director Health joined the programme online. Moreover, Sandeep Wazir, SSP ACB Hqrs was also present in the said programme at Rajouri. Amit Verma, SSP ACB administered the integrity pledge to the participants, including the dignitaries and volunteers. A PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) explaining different causes of corruption in the Medical Department and the consequences for public servants for indulging in corruption and ways to prevent it were delivered by the ACB officers. During the programmes, questionnaires were also served to the participants through mobile app and feedback was taken. Besides, the Chief Guest and Guest Speakers in their lecture deliberated upon the need to create a culture of transparency, accountability and integrity to make our country a corruption free society. They also encouraged the audience to stand the corruption with a bold voice. Similarly, another programme hosted for NGOs was organized at main Venue at MAM College Jammu. Arun Manhas, Director Industries & Commerce Jammu was the Chief Guest, while Pawan Gupta Retd. SP, Mohammad Arshad (JKAS) and Pankaj Sasan, (JKAS) Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Chairman of Team Jammu were the Guest Speakers. The event marked

the presence of around 210 participants at all the locations. Sunny Gupta, Dy. SP ACB administered the integrity pledge. All the dignitary and volunteers present in the programme took the pledge against Corruption. A PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) on different causes of corruption in NGOs and consequences for public servants for indulging in corruption and ways to prevent it were delivered by the ACB officers. Questionnaires were also served to the participants through mobile app and feedback was taken. Besides, the Chief Guest and Guest Speakers in their lecture deliberated upon the need to create a culture of transparency, accountability and integrity in order to make our country a corruption free society. They also encouraged the audience to stand the corruption with a bold voice.

## Rare bird species begin annual journey towards Kashmir

**MASROOR AHMAD**  
SRINAGAR: With the arriving of winter, lakhs of migratory birds from Russia, China, Siberia and Eastern Europe arrive in the Kashmir Valley. More than 22 migratory bird species including Gadwall, Eurasian, Wigeon, Mallard, Tufted Duck, Ferruginous Cuck, Common Shelduck, Green-winged Teal, Garganey, Common Merganser, Greater White-fronted Goose, Bar-headed Goose, Greylag Goose, Snow, Great Crested Grebe, Eared Grebe and Great Cormorant flock to the Kashmir wetlands and the sight of these birds flying in perfect formation, flanked by high mountains is breathtaking. According to Wild Life Warden, as per expectations a large number of migratory birds from different countries



have visited Kashmir's wetlands so far since October. The migratory birds are keeping their centuries old relationship with Kashmir visit every year and enjoy the temperate climate, moreover there are many new birds that have arrived in the wetlands here, official said. The Wild Life Warden said, last year many new birds including bar-headed goose that breeds in Central Asia visited Kashmir and were rarely seen in the valley wetlands before and this year we are waiting for those rare species

as well. From October, these birds migrate from Central Asia, China, Philippines, Eastern Europe and Japan to the Valley and stay here for about five months. The Warden said that the department is taking several interventions to make all the wetlands habitable and these initiatives have resulted in massive coming of birds. These wetlands not only serve as natural habitat for several plants and animal species but are kidney of nature that purify nature and absorb the water. Kashmir's wetlands serve as a magnet for "foreign birds" drawn by rich ecological diversity of plant and animal life as well as lush aquatic vegetation. According to officials every year 5 to 12 lakh migratory birds are seen in Hokersar, Hygam, Prichal, Shallabugh,

Wullar and Dal lakes and protected wetlands where they feed and breed. Hygam, Hokersar and Wular lake have been designated as wetlands of international importance under Ramsar convention and are protected areas. Eared Grebe birds were spotted in Wular Lake for the first time in March 2023. On January 22, 2023 the rare duck specie called kiLong Tailed Duck was spotted at the iconic Wular Lake after 84 year. The species were last time spotted in Hokersar wetland was in 1939. It is important to mention here that last year winter, over 10 lakh migratory birds arrived in the Valley. According to the Asian Water Bird census conducted every year, a total of around 12 lakh migratory birds visited Kashmir in 2021.

## ANTF Jammu organises awareness program on drug abuse at GHSS Boys Muthi



SSP ANTF Raj Kumar addressing students at GHSS Boys Muthi, Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: As part of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) team in Jammu organized an awareness program on drug abuse at Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Muthi, Jammu. Approximately 250 students and staff members

attended. SSP ANTF Raj Kumar led the session, focusing on educating students about the dangers of drug abuse and encouraging a commitment to a drug-free society. During the program, students were advised to avoid drugs and engage in sports as a positive outlet and preventive measure against substance

abuse. Participants were encouraged to report any information regarding drug peddlers and smugglers to law enforcement agencies for appropriate legal action. Additionally, students were motivated to share this knowledge with their peers to help build a more informed and vigilant community against drug abuse.

## IGP Kashmir promotes 511 officials

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Zone VK Birdi on Monday, promoted 511 officials of Kashmir Zone to their next ranks. On the recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committee constituted at the level of ZPHQ Kashmir for assessing the suitability of Head Constables for their elevation to the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspectors, IGP Kashmir V.K. Birdi has approved the promotions of 511 Head Constables having their lien and seniority with Kashmir Zone to the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspectors. Besides, accorded sanction for grant of In-situ Grade Promotion in respect of 06 officials after completion of requisite quantum of satisfactory service by them. IGP Kashmir has felicitated the promoted officials, their families and expressed hope that they will continue to work with same zeal, energy and professionalism and will put their efforts for up-keeping the public peace, tranquillity and law & order of the Union Territory of J&K.

## CS chairs Executive Committee Meeting of Sainik School Manasbal



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Monday impressed upon the management of Sainik School Manasbal to improve upon the output of this prestigious school meant to prepare its students for top notch examinations like NDA, Civil Services and other reputed competitions held across the country. These remarks were made by him while chairing the 38th Executive Committee Meeting of the School today here at Civil Secretariat. Besides Principal Secretary, School Education Department, the meeting was also attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; Secretary, Planning; DC, Ganderbal; Principal, Sanik School Manasbal and representative from Sanik School Society and others. Dulloo also took this occasion to emphasise upon the school administration to bring quality in teaching so as to improve the interest of students in Mathematics. He directed for devising a strategy to retain most of its students passing the matriculation examination for higher classes and prepare them for bigger challenges in life especially joining the defence services of the country. He also took note of the infrastructure facilities

and teaching faculties available there. He exhorted upon the school administration to link the progression of teachers with that of the overall results of the students. The Committee also consented for upgrading the infrastructure and directed the School Education Department to provide some human resources to meet the immediate teaching requirements of the school. It was also resolved to bring further improvement in mess quality besides hostel infrastructure and other allied facilities. The meeting was informed that the school is first of its kind residential school in the valley established back in the year 1981. It was given out that it has a capacity of 480 students and this year 1005 students appeared in the admission test for class 6th out of whom 68 students were selected. The meeting also took cognizance of the board results of the classes 10th and 12th for last 10 years. It was revealed that out of the 2756 students who passed out from this school, 550 have become doctors, 305 Engineers, 18 Professors, 24 had joined Administrative Services, 25 Advocates, 21 are in Banking sector with 72 moved out of the country for extension of their careers.

## Delegations call on Dy CM; seek prompt redressal of their concerns

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, on Monday met scores of delegations at Civil Secretariat here and took stock of their issues and concerns. The delegations included vocational instructors of Skill Development Department, employees of Urban Local Bodies Kashmir, Mission Youth, Heritage Craft



Dy CM Surinder Choudhary meeting with delegation.

Instructors besides several other individuals also called on the Deputy Chief Minister and sought prompt redressal

of their issues and concerns. The deputations brought several issues before the Deputy Chief Minister concerning their respective areas and sought timely redressal of the same. The Deputy Chief Minister, while interacting with the delegations, assured them that all their genuine issues and problems will be looked into for redressal at the earliest.

## Waste to Wonder Park at Khanpur Jammu approved

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Chairman Board of Directors, Jammu Smart City Limited, Ramesh Kumar on Monday chaired the Board meeting at its office here. The Board of Directors including Additional Director General of Police Anand Jain, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, VC JDA, ACEO JMRDA and other concerned officials of JSCL were present. Devansh Yadav, CEO, JSCL presented the agenda items before the Board for discussion, ratification and approval. During the meeting, the



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

chair was informed of the progress of work on the Tawi Riverfront Project. It was informed that over 88% of physical progress has been achieved on the left and right banks of the Tawi Riverfront development project. Setting the deadline, the Div Com directed the

Director Projects to complete the on left and right banks by December 30, 2024 and 15 January 2025, respectively. The members of the Board discussed varied other matters listed in the Agenda items for its approval and ratification.

The Board approved the construction of a Waste to Wonder Park at Khanpur Nagrota. Discussion was also held on outsourcing of management, operation and maintenance on lease basis of the heritage cafeteria cum restaurant at Mubarak Mandi, Jammu.